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# Caledonian Mercury

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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

*Edinburgh, Monday December* 9, 1723.

*From the Evening Poſt, Dec.* 3. 1723.

*Since our laſt arrived* 1 *Mail from France, and* 1 *from Holland.*

*Hague, Decem.* 8.

ADMIRAL Norris is come to this Place, to wait the coming of the K. of Great Britain. In a few Days Detachments of the Guards will be ſent to the Borders of this State to attend his Majeſty.

*London, December* 13. There having been of late ſo many generous Benefactors for augmenting ſmall Livings, joined with the Bounty of Queen Anne, that above 90 ſmall Livings will be augmented this Year, among which we hear, That Sir William Perkins of Chertſey in the County of Surrey, Kt. has given 1000 l. towards augmenting 5 ſmall Livings, viz. Walton upon Thames, and Cobham in the County of Surrey, Baſingſtoke and St. Michael's, near Wincheſter in the County of Southampton, and Northfield in the County of Gloceſter, and that he has likewiſe given 100 l. together with 100 L. more given by Col. Henry Holmes, towards augmenting the Rectory of Yarmouth in the Iſle of Wight; and the ſaid Sir William Perkins is now building a handſome free School at Chertſey for the Benefit of the ſaid Town.

This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 112, 3 qrs. South Sea Annuity 99, 1 qr. Bank 121, 1 qr. India 138. African 13, 1 half. York Buildings 12, 1 8th.

*From*

*From the Flying Poſt.*

*Having not Room in our laſt, to be particular with Reſpect to the Marriage and Iſſue of the late Duke of Orleans, we ſhall here add what follows, in order to make the Account compleat.*

THE late Duke of Orleans being then Duke of Chartres, was married at Verſailes on the 18th of February 1692 to Mary-Frances of Bourbon, ſtyled Mademoiſelle de Blois, a natural Daughter of Lewis XIV. by Madam de Monteſpan. The Match was ſaid to be no ways pleaſing to the Duke's Father, much leſs to his Mother, Madame Princeſs of Orleans, who was a German, and conſequently very nice in ſuch Points. But his Majeſty's *ſic volo* was gone forth, and it was in vain to ſtruggle; ſo that upon the Arrival of a Diſpenſation from Rome, the Duke conſented, and the Contract was ſigned by the King, the Dauphin, and Dutcheſs of Orleans, the Duke of Chartres, Mademoiſelle de Blois, and the Princes and Princeſſes of the Blood, and the Ceremony was performed in their Preſence. The Bed being bleſſed by the Cardinal de Bouillon, the Shirt being given to the Duke of Chartres by the late King James II. and the Shift to the Dutcheſs by her Mother. The King of France gave two Millions of Livres in favour of the Match, to be paid on the Concluſion of the War, promiſed to pay the Intereſt of it in the mean time, and to allow the Duke a Penſion of 50000 Crowns per Annum. It was ſaid he made a Preſent of a Million of Franks in Jewels to Mademoiſelle de Blois; but, 'tis certain that he gave the Palais Royal to the Duke of Orleans, and cauſed new Apartments to be made there for lodging the Houſhold of the young Duke. Mademoiſelle, the ſaid Dutcheſs of Chartres, was born in May 1677, legitimated Nov. 1681, and by her the late Duke had Iſſue.

I. A Princeſs of Orleans ſtyled Mademoiſelle de Valois, who was born Dec. 17, 1693, and died Octo. 27, 1694, without being named.

II. Mary-Louiſe-Elizabeth of Orleans, ſtyled Mademoiſelle, born at Verſailles Aug. 20, 1695, and married July 6. 1710, to Lewis XIVth's Grandſon, Charles Duke of Berry, as mentioned in our laſt, upon which Marriage the King aſſigned to him for his Appanage, the Dutchies of Alencon and Angouleſme, the Country of Ponthieu, and the Caſtellanies of Coignac and Merpins, together with the Lands and Lordſhips of Novelles, Hirmont, Courteville and Meſnil. The Duke's Title, as it runs in his Act of Renunciation to the Crown of Spain, was Charles Son of France, Duke of Berry, Alencon and Angouleſme, Viſcount of Vernon, Andely and Giſors, and Lord of the Manors of Coignac and Merpins. He died at Marli, to the great Affliction of the King, on the 4th of May, N. S. in the Year 1714, and the 28th of his Age (being born Aug. 31, 1686,) leaving the Dutcheſs with Child, who was brought to Bed the 16th of June following of a Princeſs that died next Day.

III. Louiſe-Adelaide of Orleans, Madamoiſelle de Chartres, born at Verſailles Aug. 13. 1698. She took the Habit of a Nun in the Abbey of Chelles, April 30. 1717.

IV. Charlotte Aglae Orleans, Madamoiſelle de Valois, born at Verſailles Oct. 22. 1700, married to the Hereditary Prince of Modena, Feb. 4. 1720, and deliver'd of a Son not many Days before the Duke of Orleans's Death.

V. Lewis of Orleans, Duke of Chartres Firſt Prince of the Blood, Firſt Peer of France, (and now Duke of Orleans) born at Verſailles, Auguſt 4. 1703.

VI. A Princeſs of Orleans, ſtiled Madamoiſelle de Montpenſier, born at Verſailles, December 11. 1709. and married about two Years ago to the Prince of Aſturias, eldeſt Son to the King of Spain.

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VII. Madamoiſelle de Beaujolois, born December 18. 1714. and married about a Year ago to Don Carlos Prince of Spain, his Catholic Majeſty's eldeſt Son by the preſent Queen.

VIII. Another Princeſs, ſtiled Madamoiſelle de Chartres, born at Paris June 27. 1716.

Beſides theſe legitimate Children, the late Duke of Orleans had a natural Son Julius Philip, by Louiſa Maria d'Argenton. He was born in 1702, was General of the Gallies of France till he quitted the Sword for the Croſier, and was from Step to Step promoted, till upon the Death of the Cardinal du Bois, he was made Archbiſhop of Cambray. He was formerly call'd the Chevalier d'Orleans, but now M. de St. Albin.

To add a Word to the deceaſed's Character, as this Prince was juſtly eſteemed one of the greateſt Politicians of the Age he lived in, ſo his Skill appeared in nothing more than in heaping all imaginable Power and Honour upon an obſcure Perſon, who he knew cou'd not long enjoy them; from whence it naturally followed, that when he came to take it upon himſelf, he ſeem'd to be called by Neceſſity to what would otherwiſe have given great Jealouſy, both to his Maſter and the Kingdom in general.

As to his Succeſſor in the Adminiſtration, nothing in the Courſe of Human Affairs can ſeem leſs doubtful, than that the Duke of Bourbon ſhould meet with Succeſs in purſuing the Schemes of ſo great a Maſter, under whom he has ſerved ſo long an Apprenticeſhip; of which Schemes a due Regard for England ſeems to be a very principal Part.

*Paris, December* 4. On the firſt Inſtant the fine Apartments and rich Furniture of the Preſident de Maiſans, in the Caſtle of that Name, were conſumed by a Fire, occaſioned by the Careleſneſs of the Domeſtick, in perfuming the Lodgings of the Poet Voltuire, who went abroad that Day, for the firſt Time, after having had the Small Pox. The Marſhal de Humiere's Lady died the ſame Day as the Duke of Orleans, in the 91ſt Year of her Age. The Day before died alſo Mr. Jacques Lewis de Beringhen, Firſt Gentleman of Horſe to the King (which alone is worth 100000 Livres *per Annum*) a Major General of his Armies, and Governor of the Forts and Citadel of Marſeilles, in the 43d Year of his Age.

*Florence, Nov.* 12. On the 5th Inſtant the Corpſe of the late Great Duke was carried to St. Lawrence's Church, preceeded by above 800 Eccleſiaſtics, all with Wax Tapers in their Hands, by the Archbiſhop of Piſa, and three Biſhops, by 180 Knights of the Order of St. Stephen, in their Robes of Ceremony; and followed by the preſent Great Duke, his chief Officers and Lords of the Court in Mourning Cloaks; as alſo by the Senators bearing Wax Tapers in their Hands, and a Company of Horſe Grenadiers cloſing the Proceſſion. During the Ceremony of the Interrement, which laſted near two Hours, all the Bells toll'd, and the Cannon were diſcharged three times from two Fortreſſes. On the 7th the Great Duke went with a great Train to the three principal Churches, to ſhew himſelf to the People, and the next Day held a great Council.

*From the Evening Poſt.*

*Petersburg, Nov.* 8. Our Monarch is ſtill very intent in giving proper Orders for the Execution of the Deſign he had concerted with the Ambaſſador of the young Sophi of Perſia. 'Tis very probable that we ſhall have War with the Turks, becauſe the Uſurper Meriweys has dextrouſly found means to ingratiate himſelf with the Grand Seignior, by renouncing the Sect of Ali, and declaring for that of Omar, which is followed in Turkey; and has moreover, by his Emiſſaries, made the Porte conceive great Umbrage on account of the Succours the young Sophi has demanded of our Monarch.

Within theſe ten Days 2 Expreſſes are arrived here from Derbent, which have doubtleſs brought Diſpatches of great Importance, becauſe of the frequent Conferences that have ſince been held. 'Tis aſſured our Monarch will have an Army next Campaign in Perſia. Mean time 14 new Regiments are ordered to be rais'd in Perſia.

*Hague*

*Hague, Decem.* The Men of War and Yatchts being arrived at Helvoetſluys, an Expreſs is diſpatched to Hanover to acquaint the King of Great Britain thereof, who is now expected in this Country in a Fourtnight.

*Paris, Decem.* 4. On the 30th of laſt Month the Envoy of the King of Denmark preſented to his Majeſty 28 Hawks ſent by the King his Maſter, according to his annual Cuſtom.

The Marquis de la Grange, who is full 70, and poſſeſs'd of an Eſtate upwards of 50000 Livres *per Annum*, was laſt Week married to a Woman of 22 Years of Age, Chamber-maid to his own Siſter.

*From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, December* 3.

*Paris, December* 8. The 5th, the Count de Thouloufe declared to the King his Marriage with the Marchioneſs de Gondun, Siſter of the late Duke de Noailles, who will have the Rank of Princeſs.

*Madrid, November* 9. A few Days ago, Colonel Stanhope the Britiſh Ambaſſador went to the Caſtle of Balſain, and there notified to the Marquis Grimaldo Secretary of State, on the Part of his Britannic Majeſty his Maſter, That the Engliſh Nation ſaw with great Diſpleaſure, that the King of Spain perſiſted in his Demands of having Gibraltar reſtored, That his Britannic Majeſty deſired no more Projects might be formed on this Head, ſince his Catholic Majeſty had given that Place to the Engliſh Nation for ever by the Treaty of Utrecht, That he had Orders to claim the whole Sovereignty over the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town and it's Territories, That his Catholic Majeſty do alſo on his Part maintain the Aſſiento Treaty, the Trade of the Engliſh to the South Seas and Weſt Indies: And laſtly, That his Principal expected a clear and preciſe Anſwer to all the forementioned Particulars. Several Conferences have been ſince held at Court, but without coming to any Reſolution; and People think none will be taken till after the Return of ſeveral Expreſſes ſent to Paris and Cambray.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, December* 3.

*Since our Laſt arrived a Mail from France.*

LEtters from Paris of the 8th Inſtant ſay, That the Marſhall de Villars is to have a Place in all the Councils, and likewiſe in the King's Council, in the Room of the Duke of Bourbon; and that the Marſhal de Villeroy is to be recalled from Exile, and appointed Chief of the Royal Council of Finances.

The Death of the Duke of Orleans, which proceeded not from any ſuch Cauſes as have been ſuggeſted, but, as thoſe Letters adviſe, from the great Application and Pains that he took in diſcharging the Offices of the Public, had the ſame Effect on the Stocks in France, as it had on thoſe in England, for the Actions fell from 1300 Livres to 1000; but upon the Choice of the Duke of Bourbon for Prime Miniſter, they immediately roſe up to 1250 Livres. 'Tis remarked, that the Duke of Bourbon asked this High Office of the King aſſoon as the Breath was departed from his Royal Highneſs; to which his Majeſty gave his Conſent: And the Duke's Letters Parents were immediately prepar'd, and on the 3d Inſtant his Majeſty ſigned them, and the next Day they were Regiſtred in Parliament; who thereupon ſent a Deputation to compliment the Duke of Bourbon on this High Dignity, which, ſome are of opinion, will produce great Alterations, with reſpect to ſome Perſons being recall'd from Exile and reſtor'd unto Favour.

By a Holland Mail juſt arrived we are adviſed from Vienna, of the 27th paſt, That two Councils had been held there upon the Diſpatches brought by the laſt Expreſs from Cambray, relating to the Affairs of the Inveſtiture, *&c.* at which Prince Eugene was preſent, and 'tis ſaid, ſigned Orders for raiſing 10 new Regiments of 1000 Men each. This, if it be true, gives Reaſon to fear, that the moſt prudent and powerful Meaſures that have been taken by Great Britain for ſecuring a laſting Peace, will fail in ſome meaſure of their deſir'd End.

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They write from Venice, that they had Letters from Florence, adviſing, That a certain Potentate was uſing his Endeavours to engage the Senate to ſettle the Succeſſion on the Female Line.

Admiral Norris is gone to the Hague, to wait the Arrival of the K. of Great Britain; but we do not yet hear of any Day fix'd for his Majeſty's Departure from Hanover.

*Hambueg, Decem.* 7. We had this Day Letters from Petersburg, adviſing, that the Sultan had declared War againſt the Czar, and put the Muſcovite Ambaſſador into the Seven Towers.

Some Advices from Lisbon ſpeak of a Comet having been lately ſeen there, whoſe Tail was about 30 Inches in Length. In the mean time they give us the good News of the Sickneſs having abated which had raged in that City; and that a Portugueſe Man of War had taken and brought into Lisbon an Algerine Cruiſer of 26 Guns, 10 Potareroes and 200 Men.

Laſt Sunday Sir William Maſſinbeard, one of the Knights of the Shire for Lincoln, departed this Life, and we hear that the Honour, and Eſtate of 4 or 5000 *L.* a-year, falls to his Siſter's Son.

The ſame Day Ms. St. Livre, Author of the Play call'd *The Buſy Body* and ſeveral other Plays, departed this Life.

Sir Edward Worſley died lately in the Iſle of Wight, aged neat 90. He was Knighted by King Charles II. for endeavouring to favour the Eſcape of K. Charles I. when Priſoner in Scarborough Caſtle.

Private Letters from Hamburg, mention, that a conſiderable Number of Whales coming up with the Tide at the Mouth of the Elbe. The Reflux was ſo ſudden, that 14 of them were left on the Sands alive, each 60 Foot long.

We hear an Expreſs diſpatch'd from the French Ambaſſador at Conſtantinople confirmes the Declaration of War of the Porte againſt the Muſcovites.

The late Lord Bolingbrook is now at Paris, and 'tis ſaid keeps a ſplendid Table, but is expected here ſoon after the King's Return, for which, ſome Accounts ſay the 16th Inſtant was fixed.

'Tis adviſed that Captain Hamilton of the King William, a South Sea Ship was drowned with all the Boats Crew, and 24 Sail of Ships are frozen up at Petersburg.

S. S. 112, 1 4th. S. S. Annuities 99, 1 4th.

*Haddingtoun, Dec.* 6.

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# ADVERTISEMENTS.

*** *Theſe are to Advertiſe all Merchants and Others, who bring home and deal in Graſs-ſeeds, That they give in to* George Handyſide *Writer in* Edinburgh, *Secretary to the Society for Improving in the Knowledge of Agriculture, to be found at Sir* James Juſtice *and Mr.* Mackenzie *their Chamber in the Parliament Cloſe, a Sample of their ſeveral Graſs-ſeeds, with an Account of the Prices, and Quantities they have to diſpoſe of, ſo as the Members of the Society may be informed how to be provided with ſuch Seeds as they may have uſe for.*

*†* *That the upmoſt Story of* Smith's Land, *to the Fore-ſtreet, the Eaſtmoſt Lodging, is to be Sold. Whoever has a-mind to purchaſe the ſame, may ſee the Rights and Progreſs in the Hands of* Alexander Garioch *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe, in the Entry of the Cloſs to* Wardrop's Court, *the firſt Turnpike and* 3*d Door, who is ready to commune with them anent the Sale.*

That

*That upon the Twenty-third Day of* December *next, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *in the* Writers Court *there, between* 3 *and* 4 *a-clock in the Afternoon, will be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, a Laigh Houſe or Cellar, conſiſting of Six Rooms, whereof* 4 *are Fire-roms; a back Vault, and a large fore Vault, lying at the Head of* Bell's Wynd. *The Conditions of Roup and Progreſs of the Writs are to be ſeen in the Hands of* Andrew Geddes *Writer in* Edinburgh, *at his Houſe at the* Bank-cloſs-*head.*

BY Order of Mr. *John Oglvie* of *Balbignie*, Mr. *John Forbes* of *Newhall*, and Mr. *Alexander Bayne* of *Rires*, Advocates, Truſtees and Arbiters for the Creditors of *David* Earl of *Northesk*.

There are to give Notice that the ſaid Truſtees and Arbiters are to proceed in the Ranking; Now, that the moſt part of them have ſigned the Submiſſion, and for that End, the Arbiters have appointed the Credivors to give in their Claims and Inſtructions of Debt to *William Mercer* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Clerk to the ſaid Submiſſion, betwixt and the firſt of *January* next; and ſuch Creditors as have not as yet ſigned the Submiſſion by themſelves or by Proxy; are hereby advertiſed and deſired, to ſign the ſame, or ſend Powers to their Doers for that Effect, That they may not be precluded from the Benefit of the Diſpoſition granted by the ſaid Earl, in Favours of his Creditors; and that they likewiſe ſend up the Grounds of their Debt, and give in their Claims thereon, CERTIFYING, ſuch as do not herewith comply, the Arbiters will proceed without any further Delay.

*THAT there are to be expoſed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, upon* Tueſday *the 7th of* January 1724 *Years, betwixt the Hours of* 3 *and* 5 *in the Afternoon, within the Houſe of* John Steel *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *the Lands and Barony of* Carnbee, *holden Taxtward of the Crown, with a Tenement and ſix Acres of Land in* Overkelly, *holding Blench of the Earl of* Kelly, *all lying within the Shire of* Fife, *and extending in yearly free Rent to* 55 *Bolls* 3 *Firlots Meal,* 103 *Bolls* 3 *Firlots Bear,* 6 *Bolls* 3 *Firlots* 3 *Pecks Oats,* 516 *l.* 17 *ſh.* 4 *p. Money,* 168 *Cain Fowls,* 120 *Loads Carriage-Coals and* 5 *lib. for a Stone of Cheeſe and a Wedder, with a Coal and a great Number of Old and young Planting, and an Orchyard, Pidgeon-houſe and other Office-houſes, and about* 80 *Acres of Ground for Parking and labouring in the Knightsward, and Two Thirds of King's Muir not rentalled. The Progreſs, Rental and Conditions of Roup, are to be ſeen in the Hands of* William Forbes *Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Cloſs,* Edinburgh.

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